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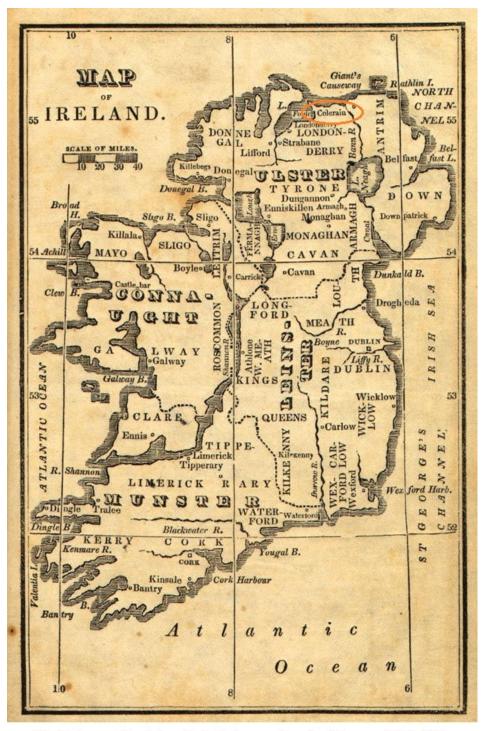
Robert McCauley and Abigail Nabby Neaby Smith McCAULEY.

ROBERT McCAULEY came here very early in the history of the town, certainly as early as 1777, and built on the west side of the road between William and Grafton Curtis's, east of the Branch village, and near the river, as it bends to the south. Was the first tailor in town, and followed that business here nearly twenty years. Was out in the Revolutionary army. Was a cripple in old age. His father was Alexander Mc-

590 GENEALOGIES.

Cauley, brother of James, the first settler in Hillsborough, in 1741. Alexander seems to have lived in Hillsborough for a time, and Robert came here undoubtedly from that place. James and Alexander were born in the Province of Ulster in Ireland; were genuine Scotchmen; located awhile in the vicinity of Boston after arrival in this country, and then came to Hillsborough. Alexander was born in 1707. His wife, Mary Pinkerton, born in Ireland in 1712, was cousin of the first John Pinkerton of Londonderry. She died in Merrimack, Jan. 20, 1791. He died in the same place Oct. 11, 1788. They were parents of James McCauley, who married Isabel Jameson, and of Robert McCauley of this town, and of Sarah McCauley who married Thomas Stuart of this town. Robert married Abigail Smith of Dunbarton, July 11, 1774. She was called "Nabby," and our records call her "Neaby." He was credited with a second wife, whose name I have not been able to find, and whose existence I doubt. He is believed to have left Antrim about 1794. The house he lived in has been gone many years. She called herself (Nabby Smith) a niece of Gen. John Stark, and was his adopted daughter. Robert Mc-Cauley died in Crown Point, N. Y., 1826, aged ninety-three. He kept his payments of continental money till the day of his death. The children, as far as known, were thus given on the town record, though an older one may have been brought here on removal to this town.

- Jонn, [b. Feb. 12, 1778; settled in Potsdam, N. Y.; m. Dolly Moody.]
- 2. ALEXANDER, [b. Aug. 25, 1780, and d. young.]
- James, [b. May 2, 1783; went to Ashtabula, Ohio; m. Charlotte Hancock.]
- ISABEL PINKERTON, [b. Jan. 28, 1785; m. 1st, Isaac Everett, who d. in Minerva, N. Y., 1833; 2d, a Mr. Rose. She d. at Mendon, Mich., October, 1846.]
- THOMAS, [b. March 1, 1787; went to Ashtabula, Ohio, and d. there. He m. Mary Town.]
- 6. SMITH, [b. April 9, 1789; d. in Crown Point, Ind., in 1862. His wife was Dorcas Dowley of Mount Holly, Vt. His son, Randall S. McCauley, Esq., is now living in Crown Point Center, N. Y., and has furnished items for these pages. A. O. McCauley of Crown Point, Ind., is a son of a 2d wife whose name was Loisa Rossey, of Athol, N. Y.]
- Moody, [b. Nov. 15, 1792; moved in 1836 to Ashtabula, Ohio. His wife was Hannah Hill of Walpole, this State. In later life he went to Wisconsin and d. there.]
- CHARLES, [m. Rachel Barrett and went to the West. His name is not on the Antrim records, and there are some indications that he was the oldest instead of the youngest child.]



The first wave of Scots to settle in Ulster were from Ayrshire, recruited in 1606 by two Ayrshire Scots - James Hamilton and Hugh Montgomery - who had been granted land in Ulster by the king. Hamilton's share of the territory included the River Bann and the area around Coleraine, where we know neighbors of the Smiths in New Hampshire once lived. http://smith-history.blogspot.com/

Antrim is in the NE corner.

Abigail was born about 1752 or 3 in Londonderry, Rockingham County, New Hampshire.

Abigail Nabby Neaby Smith's mother was Elizabeth Holland. She married Samuel Smith who drown in 1762 in Amoskeag Falls, Manchester, New Hampshire while logging.

Abigail had siblings John b. 1754, William b. 1755, Andrew Holland b. 1756, Mary b. 1758, Thomas Holland b. 1759, and Samuel III b. 1761.

Elizabeth married 2nd John Stinson 1763 and had John b. 1764, Jean b. 1766 and Nancy b. 1768.

Elizabeth Holland's brother, Steven Holland, married John Stinson's sister, Betsey Jane Stinson.

John Stinson's brother, Archibald Stinson, married Sarah Page, daughter of Jeramiah Page, brother of Molly Elizabeth Page Stark, wife of Gen. John Stark; Nabby's adopted family.

John Stinson's brother, Samuel Stinson, married Jean/Jane Stark, sister of Gen. John Stark. After Samuel Stinson died Jean married Capt. James McCalley son of James and Margaret Moore McCalley/McColley/McCully. They had a son and 4 daughters.

Mary Stinson married William Stark, brother of Gen. John Stark

Mary Stinson, Samuel Stinson, John Stinson, Betsy Jane Stinson, all children of John Stinson and Mary Hogg.

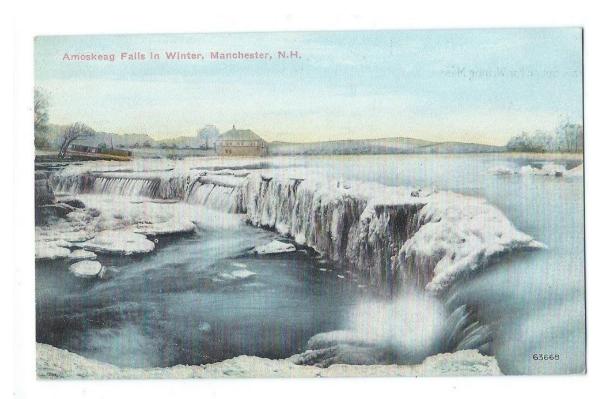
There is a good possibility that Elizabeth Holland and Steven Holland were children of Richard Holland and an unknown Willson. Richard was the legitimate son of Stephen Ash Holland and Mary Edwards. Stephen Ash (Holland) had 3 illegitimate children with his employer's maid. Mary Edwards was upper crust and I'm surprised she married him. Perhaps that's when he changed his surname from Ash/e to his mother's maiden name of Holland. He was known as Stephen Ash/e Holland and his son, Richard, became Richard Holland, perhaps father of Stephen and Elizabeth. I will attempt to tell that story when I write about Samuel Smith and Elizabeth Holland. Richard got himself into debt, abandoned his wife, Mary Edwards Holland, went to England, joined the military, and died in England.

From the Ash Manuscript The Ash MMS written by Lt. Col. Thomas Ash: Notwithstanding the good fortune he got at his marriage, and his management, yet he failed by being in debt, and that considerably, so that he was obliged to leave his wife & children and went over to London; stayed there but for a short while, and then went to [??], where he got an ensign's comnission in General Sanky's Regt, and died at [??] in the year 1712. He has by his wife and upon his marriage was oblig'd to change his name from Ash to Holland, by

his mother, that being her surname. https://dcms.lds.org/delivery/DeliveryManagerServlet?dps_pid=IE1942968

Gen. John and Molly Page Stark took in various relatives when they needed a place to live. Jane/Jean Stark Stinson's son, John aka One Eyed Johnny, was one. He joined the British during the war but eventually came back to the US to live. Gen. Stark billed his estate for expenses incurred while Johnny lived with the Starks before he went to the British. Abigail probably went to live with the Starks after her father died in 1762. Her mother, Elizabeth Holland Smith, remarried in 1763 to John Stinson. Elizabeth Holland Smith Stinson would have been related to Gen. Stark by marriage and Abigail could be the niece and adopted daughter of Gen. John Stark as she claimed.

The Stinsons were Loyalists and went to Canada after the Revolutionary War.



Abigail's father, Samuel Smith, died here in 1762 floating logs down the river.

FIFTEEN YEARS OF CIVILIAN LIFE

Capt. John Stark, now 32, in the prime of young manhood found divided interests in Derryfield and Dunbarton. Both localities had a great pull for him but gradually the possibilities of the 600 acres on the Merrimack were found to have the stronger appeal. There in 1765-6 he selected a site for his mansion, built it with great care, moved from his father's old homestead, and in the new home lived for half a century.

DUNBARTON

The boy, Caleb, born in December, 1759, in his mother's home, the house of Capt. Caleb Page, in the northern end of the new area, "Starkstown", later Dunbarton, was not to know another until almost man grown. The grandfather became so fond of the child that he continued to live on, eventually receiving the same consideration he gave to his own sons. But before the birth of Archibald, second child of John and Elizabeth, they had taken their places in the family life in the old house in Derryfield, sharing responsibilities with his mother, widowed in the summer of 1758. As to residence it was a definite break with Dunbarton though John Stark may not have intended it, for at the town meeting, Oct. 6, 1760, the inhabitants were "to see if encouragement be given John Stark to build a saw mill" &c. It was voted that he could have 100 acres of land if he should build within a year and agree to saw for the Proprietors " for the halves" (Stark to retain half of the lumber for his pay) and for other settlers do work "as cheap as any of the neighboring mills". During the fall and winter, laboring started, a wooden dam was constructed, pond water accumulated and the mill was finished, many men working on the project. The area was heavily wooded and still retains some of the "old growth" pines and hardwoods. Long after John Stark gave over in favor of his son, Caleb, a grist mill was added. Twice the building, destroyed by fire, was re-built (1834 and in 1860), but mill and dam gone, there is no "Stark Pond" and the woods have grown up again, much as they were when John Stark looked around him, making his plans. Travellers seldom pause to note the ruined mill-site but never fail to observe the long lichened wall of cut stone that calls attention to the retired cemetery within, behind giant trees, and dimly see the monuments of the Stark family and a few of their retainers, one of the most remarkable private cemeteries in New England. The stately mansion, built by Major Caleb Stark, is out of sight near by, on the estate he created and where the locally illustrious family for the most part resided from 1785 until 1946, a period of over 160 years of continuous ownership.

William Stark had located on the high ridge in the central portion of the grant, now the village street, where the view to the West is the finest and the White mountains, 100 miles away, can be seen on clear days to the North. In his house for some years the town meetings were held. He was a man of good parts and strong character, with energy

Probably why Samuel Smith was floating logs down the Merrimack River.

Robert McCauley (note spelling) son of Alexander our direct ancestor, born 1733, married Abigail Smith of Dunbartown, N.H., July 11, 1774. She was a niece and adopted daughter of General John Stark, who led the New Hampshire troops in the Revolutionary war. Robert came to Antrim very early in the history of the town, surely as early as 1777 and built on the west side of the road between William and Grafton Curtis' east of the Branch Village, and near the river as it bends to the south. He was the first tailor in town and followed that business here for about twenty years. He was out in the Revolutionary war. He left Antrim about 1794. He was said to have had another wife, but the historian who gives us this record, doubts the rumor. He was a cripple in old age. Died in Crown Point, New York, in 1826, aged ninety-three" (from town history).

It may have been a little later than 1777 that he went to Antrim, because in 1778, he signed a petition for a bridge across the Piscataquog river at Goffstown. Whether or not he was married more than once does not vitally concern us as this "Nabby" is the mother of our line as per copy of birth certificate:

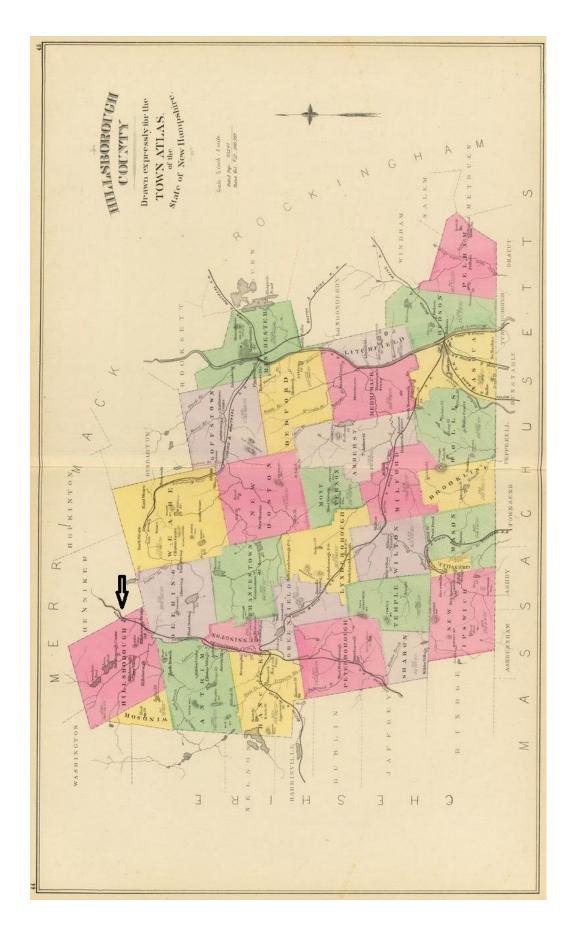
Child's name - John McCalley (note spelling here.)
Date of birth - July 12, 1778.
Father's name - Robert McCalley.
Mother's maiden name - Neaby or Nabby.
Town - Antrim, N.H.

Record shows that Robert left two sons, John and Alexander.

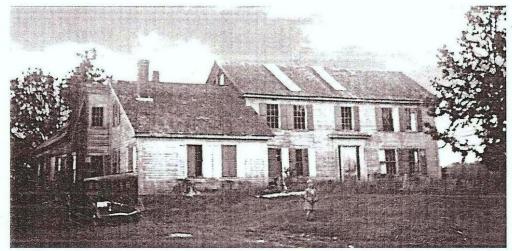
SOURCE: Who Am I? A History of the McCalley-Bryant Families 1632-1925 VOLUME I. Compiled by Mrs. Harriet McCalley Sleer. La Crosse, Wisconsin. Financed by Zimri McCalley.

The Who Am I? book is filled with errors so I'm using it more to make corrections to family history than as a source for facts.

The bridge petition is on page 10 of my work. Children are listed on page 11 with individual birth records following.



Home of John And Elizabeth Stinson 101 Barnard Hill Road Built in part before the Revolutionary War



Courtesy of Jennifer Allen

Photo circa 1930.



Jennifer Allen

The house today.

Abigail's childhood home until she went to live with the Starks.



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The Gen. John Stark House is a historic house museum at 2000 Elm Street in Manchester, New Hampshire. The house, a single-story Cape style farmhouse, was built in 1736 by Archibald Stark. Stark's son John, a hero of the American Revolutionary War, lived in this house from 1736 to 1765; it is where he brought his new bride Molly, and where two of their children were born. Originally located on Canal Street, the house remained in the Stark family until 1821. It was acquired by the Amoskeag Manufacturing Company in 1835, and used for worker housing. In 1937 the company donated the

building to the local chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, which restored the property and adapted it for use as a meeting site. It was moved to its present site, which is also on the original 800-acre (320 ha) Stark farm, in 1968.^[2]



Location in Hillsborough County, New Hampshire Coordinates: 42°59'27"N 71°27'49"W

The house was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1973.[1]

This is Caleb Page's house. He was Molly Page Stark's father. Molly Page Stark spent most of the Revolutionary War here while General Stark was a soldier. No doubt Abigail knew this house as a child but was married in 1774 so probably was not here then.

This looks a lot like the house on page 6... That's supposed to be the Smith/Stinson house.



EARLY TOWN PAPERS.

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[In council, June 3, 1772, the proceedings of the foregoing meeting were declared illegal, and a new election ordered.—ED.]

[4-119] [Petition for a Lottery to build Bridges over Piscatory]

To The Honde Councel and House of Representatives of the good People of 3º State of New Hampshire in General Court assembled December 1777

The Petition of the Inhabitants of Goffstown, County of Hillsborough & State aforesaid and others,

Humbly Sheweth

That, There are two Large Streams, running through said Town, more Particularly one known by the name of Piscataquog River, which is well known to be wide, and Verry rapid, at Sertain Seasons, Passing through the Center of said Town,

That your Petitioners, are under the Necessity of Supporting, three Large Bridges, over said River, for the Publick ben-

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1" a bridge near twenty Rods in Length, (verry much Improved) on the great County Road, that Leadeth through Ware, & many Different ways, Northerly & Westerly to The Interior Parts of the State,...

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2^a another bridge, near 15 Rods in Length, of great use to
the Publick, & near the Center of the Town that the Major
Part of the Inhabitants are under necesity of crossing it to attend Public Worship—

The Third Bridge is on the North Branch of said River, Near the Division line, of New Boston & Goffston on the Leading Road through N. Boston, to the Western Part of the

The other Stream is called Black Brook, large, and verry rapid at Sertain Seasons, where we are oblidged to Support three other expensive Bridges, also a large share of Smaller Bridges, which with the aforementioned,—make an almost Intolerable Burden, for a Town so thinly Inhabited to bear, and what still adds to it, we have never been able to make a bridge cross the Piscataquog of but few years Duration, and as their is an absolute and Imediate Necessity of rebuilding s⁴ Bridges, and we are not able to go to the expence of Stone piers & Burments (which we find necessary,) your Petitioners humbly Pray they may be Indulged with the Benefit of a Lottery To raise Two Thousand five hundred Dollars which will Enable them to build Sutable & Durable Bridges in such Places as shall be

most convenient, an Beneficial to the Publick, as the moneys raised by said Lottery will be apply^a to so Necessary & Important a Purpose—We doubt not of a Speedy Sale of the Tickets, by which we shall be Imediatly enabled to enter on

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[In H. of Rep., Feb. 26, 1778, petitioners granted leave to bring in a bill for said purpose.—ED.]

[4-120] [Petition for the Privilege of sending a Representative without being Classed with Derryfield.]

To the Honourable Council & House of Representatives of the Good peopel in the State of New Hampshire Convenned at

The petition of the Inhabitants of Goffstown when in Town meeting assembled,—your petitioners beg leave once more to remind your Honours, that they have for three or four years past, contrary to their wish & will, been coupled with Derryfield, by the precept sent them by your Honours for the choice of a Representative, althe your petitioners have repeatedly beg'd the favour of your Honours, that a precept might be sent them Independant of any Town whatever, which they Humbly conceive they have an Undoubted right to as well as any other Towns in Similer Circumstances with Goffstown; which consists of near One Hundred & fifty families; when at the same

Robert and Abigail had 7 sons and 2 daughters. Charles 1776, John 1778, Alexander 1780, James 1783, Isabel Pinkerton 1785, Thomas 1787, Smith 1789, William Moody 1792, and Nancy 1794.

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If Charles were the youngest rather than the oldest he would not be getting married in 1800 so I have put him first born.



The census that follow are probably our Robert and Abigail. Until 1850 only heads of households were named with other occupants of the house represented by hash marks. The same names were used over and over, generation after generation so I can't always be 100% sure I have the right person. Mostly it's age group and location.

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flax-wheel under the other, and walk a mile to a neighbor's. When there, all would set their little wheels buzzing, and chat together with voices that could be heard above the noise of twenty machines! And SUCH spinning! It was perfect and much. And then, at sunset, each would take baby and wheel, walk home, get supper for a large family, "and wasn't much tired after all!"

Occasionally the men entered into some sports not reported in literary or religious documents. Cases in point were the hust-ling-off of Randall Alexander, and the taking-down of the old Jonas Parker house. On one occasion, a man who called on Robert McCauley's wife oftener than the highest propriety required, was met at McCauley's by a company of men who "rode him on a rail" to Dea. Isaac Cochran's, — more than two miles. It may be said they shook the rail some. Some of the best men in town took part in these summary but righteous deeds. After these things were over it was not known who had done them, but it was generally said to be Mr. Whiton! And Mr. Whiton was on hand enough to like the joke!

It was customary to have no adornments except those of personal beauty, neatness, and virtue, about the house. Even as late as fifty years ago, the walls were as bare of pictures as our barns are now. A few were able to have certain figures painted on the plastering, relics of which, in some old houses, may yet be seen. Hardly a dwelling can now be found in Antrim without its chromo, or engraving of some kind, and neat little ornaments,—attractive, even if cheap. But there was nearly nothing of the kind in our ancestors' humble abodes. Now pianos are common, and an organ may be found in almost every house. No such pleasure had they. The first piano in Antrim was purchased in 1842 by Judge Luke Woodbury. The mothers had

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This story was hard to write because I couldn't find any information about them. Robert and Abigail must have just been ordinary people who went to church, helped their neighbors and took care of their children.

Abigail's mother on the other hand! Revolutionary War, spies and traitors, and then to find her history was so involved in Ireland.

Writing for this time period involves reading LOTS of old books about town history and town records, state history, and American history. Fortunately most of them are out of copyright and free to read on line. It's only a matter of finding them and finding the person I'm looking for.

Dallas McColley from MN is also working on this family. I've had good help from Craig Smith in NY craig.smith@nytimes.com or hkcraigs@gmail.com http://smith-history.blogspot.com/ and Mark Smith in New Brunswick computer.smith@hotmail.com

https://ftonsmiths.tribalpages.com/tribe/browse?userid=ftonsmiths&view=0&pid=28 13&ver=49498 on the Smith saga. Loreen Dixon gave me the idea about Elizabeth Holland which turned out to be where I needed to go. Collaboration is the key to tracing our ancestors.

The DNA matches for Jean and me are now starting to pay off. Since I am female and the Y test is only for males, I will have to rely on Smith males to track Abigail's father, Samuel Smith.